

Congress enacted a requirement in April 2000 for airlines to file monthly reports on incidents involving animals, and for the Secretary of Transportation to make this information available to the public so consumers can evaluate specific airlines' records. The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) has now issued a proposed rule to implement this requirement. While it's taken the agency a long time to act, we're pleased the FAA is finally moving forward on this. Industry opponents of the legislation are expected to flood the FAA with negative comments on the proposed rule and try to keep this basic reporting requirement from taking effect. We need the FAA to get lots of positive feedback!

Good morning,

I have been following the progression of the proposed reporting tool for all airlines to file monthly reports on incidents involving animals and for the Secretary of Transportation to make this information available to the public so consumers can evaluate specific airlines' records.

First, I'd like to thank the FAA for considering this proposal and urge you to act on it as quickly as possible! As a pet owner, I hope there comes a day when I can feel that it is safe enough to put my beloved lab, Zoe, on an airplane without fear of her being injured, lost or killed during transit.

However, I'd also like to express my concern that the proposed rule only applies to pets of U.S. families (the currently legislation still allows for other animals - such as those destined for labs or zoos, and pets from other countries - to be covered), and ask that your final rule defines "animal" more broadly.

I hope to hear a happy ending with this proposal and know that the FAA is doing everything in it's power to ensure the safety of ALL passengers - regardless of type.

Thank you for your consideration,

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